

Backyard RETREAT

Leave home without going away

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Carefully selected, homeowners Alicja Wiecek and her husband Greg have chosen and placed with care each plant in this whimsical Mangilao Garden. All look as though they were always there - growing naturally. As you stroll through the charming path leading to the back patio, you're surrounded by voluminous orchids in hues of soft violets, pinks and white.

Alicja, a plant pathologist, has had to work hard to replace many of the orchids that succumbed to an unfortunate deadly virus a few years ago. Nonetheless, if you're an orchid-lover just as she is, you would understand why all the hard work was well worth it.

